

Meridian Community Board Minutes
July 20, 2006
7:00 P.M.

Minutes of the Budget Amendment Hearing of June 22, 2006

A special meeting of the Board of Education of Meridian Community Unit School District #223 for the purpose of a Budget Amendment Hearing was called to order by President Ron Steenken on June 22, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meridian District Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High School. Members present: Bonne, Jagielski, Janes, Larson and Reeverts. Superintendent Prusator was also present.

Mr. Jay Williams was the only community member in attendance.

Mr. Prusator updated the board on changes with the proposed amended budget. He handed out and reviewed the FY06 Budget Amendment Summary. Mr. Prusator stated the final figures would not be officially available until the FY06 audit is completed.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Reeverts, to adjourn the FY06 Budget Amendment Hearing. Ayes: Bonne, Jagielski, Janes, Larson, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary

Minutes of a Regular School Board Meeting of June 22, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Meridian Community Unit School District #223 was called to order by President Ron Steenken on June 22, 2006 at 7:19 p.m. in the Meridian District Board of Education Room located in the Meridian Junior High School. Members present: Bonne, Jagielski, Janes, Larson and Reeverts. Superintendent Prusator was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Reeverts to approve the consent agenda items **a.** through **m.** that included: **a.** the minutes of the June 8, 2006 board meeting; **b.** payroll of July 5, 2006 and July 20, 2006; **c.** final accounts payable for June 2006 and Fiscal Year 2006; **d.** adopt the amended FY06 Budget Amendment; **e.** consider/authorize transferring up to \$4,000 of accumulated interest from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund; **f.** consider/authorize transferring up to \$30,000 of

accumulated interest plus June interest from the Working Cash Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund; **g.** consider/authorize transferring up to \$8,202 of the Supt. Salary (plus appropriate TRS and benefits) to the Transportation Fund per FY06 State transportation formula; **h.** consider/authorize transfer of appropriate Education Fund expenses, not to exceed \$40,000, into the Education Tort (LI) Fund risk management expenses; **i.** consider/authorize the transfer of appropriate O&M Fund expenses, not to exceed \$37,000, into the O&M Tort (LI) Fund Risk Management expenses; **j.** consider/approve loan of \$75,000 from Working Cash Fund to Retirement Fund (IMRF/Social Security/Medicare) to be re-paid to working cash within one year; **k.** as per the approved F06 Budget Amendment, deposit FY06 accumulated interest of \$20,487.17 from the Insurance Reserve Bond into the Education Tort (LI) fund. In addition, move up to \$85,902 of principal from the fund balance into Education Tort (LI) Fund. Transfer, \$40,000 from the Education Tort (LI) Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Tort (LI) Fund; **l.** close district books for FY06 at the end of the business day on June 30, 2006; and **m.** establish, effective July 1, 2006, for FY07, a Meridian C.U.S.D. #223 Revolving Fund: \$4,000; a Monroe Center School Revolving Fund: \$100; Stillman Valley High School Petty Cash: \$100; Meridian Junior High Petty Cash: \$100; Highland Elementary School Petty Cash: \$100 and a Meridian C.U.S.D. #223 Petty Cash Fund: \$100. Ayes: Jagielski, Janes, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Prusator reported that the registration materials for the IASB Fall Conference in Chicago on November 17-19, 2006 arrived. He requested that board members check their calendars and get their dates of attendance to him by July 20, 2006 so appropriate registration information can get in as soon as possible.

Mr. Prusator also reported that Deb Larson from the School Board Association wanted to reschedule the June 28, 2006 meeting to review the board self-evaluation.

There were no principal reports.

Under Notices and Communications, Mr. Prusator reported that he received official Grant Award Notification of approval for funding under the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools' Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Program. The funds from this federal grant will be used to expand the counseling programs in our district. Mrs. Hedemann, Mr. Coulahan and Mrs. Spangrud worked together to apply for this grant.

Under Community Input, Julie Weber presented the Meridian Arts Parents annual report reviewing events, accomplishments, and goals for the Board to consider. The main goal of the Meridian Arts Parents is to improve the fine arts programs in the district for K-12.

Mr. Prusator handed out and reviewed the Board Meeting Schedule for 2006-2007 making note of the October 11, 2006 and February 7, 2007 dates on the schedule due to conflicts with SVHS events.

A motion was made by Janes, seconded by Jagielski, to approve the board meeting schedule for 2006-2007 as presented. Ayes: Janes, Larson, Reeverts, Bonne, Jagielski and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Prusator briefly reviewed the proposed Wellness Policy that is required to be promoted in the District's educational program, school activities, and meal programs.

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Bonne, to approve the Wellness Policy. Ayes: Larson, Reeverts, Bonne, Jagielski, Janes and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Steenken read the Prevailing Wage Resolution for Fiscal Year 2007.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Jagielski, to approve the Prevailing Wage Resolution for Fiscal Year 2007 as read. Ayes: Reeverts, Bonne, Jagielski, Janes, Larson and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Janes, seconded by Steenken, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the district and discussion of lawfully closed meeting minutes, whether for purposes of approval by body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by the Illinois School Code. Ayes: Bonne, Jagielski, Janes, Larson, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 8:11 p.m.

Mr. Mandzen arrived at 8:12 p.m.

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Jagielski, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Time: 9:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Reeverts, seconded by Bonne, to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2006 executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Janes, seconded by Bonne, to keep all of the executive session minutes from December 2005 through June 8, 2006 closed except for the January 12, 2006 executive session minutes. Ayes: Larson, Reeverts, Bonne, Jagielski, Janes, and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Jagielski, seconded by Reeverts, to hire the following: Jeffrey M. Voltz, SVHS assistant principal; Jennifer Tucker, Monroe Center 3rd grade regular classroom teacher; Dan Swanson, SVHS .57 FTE Spanish Teacher; and Ben Hickerson, SVHS Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach. Ayes: Reeverts, Bonne, Jagielski, Janes, Larson and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bonne, seconded by Jagielski, to approve a three-year superintendent contract 2006-2007 through 2008-2009. Ayes: Bonne, Jagielski, Janes, Larson, Reeverts and Steenken. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Janes, seconded by Reeverts, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Fruin, Secretary